

DESCRIPTION OF EXCURSIONS



New York- Drew University

Lower Manhattan

On this full-day excursion, students will visit Greenwich Village, SoHo, Chinatown and Little Italy, and the Brooklyn Bridge, some of the historic places in New York's history:

- Greenwich Village is a neighborhood in lower Manhattan. It was the East Coast birthplace of the Beat and the '60s counterculture movements and is known for its American bohemian culture. Students will have a chance to see New York University (NYU) and Washington Square Park as well.
- SoHo, which refers to the area South of Houston Street, is known for its cast iron buildings, art galleries, and shops (trendy boutiques as well as international chain stores). Students will have some free time to go shopping.
- Chinatown and Little Italy are neighborhoods that border each other. Chinatown is home to the largest group of Chinese people in the Western Hemisphere. Little Italy was once known for its large population of Italian Americans. Both neighborhoods are popular tourist stops.
- The Brooklyn Bridge, part of which students will walk, is a famous bridge that connects Manhattan and Brooklyn across the East River. Students will be able to capture iconic photos on the bridge.

The Chelsea District

On this full-day excursion, students will visit some of the must-sees of New York's trendy neighborhood, the Chelsea District. Chelsea is a historic district of the city. On a guided walking tour, students will visit Chelsea Market, the High Line, and Hudson Yards:

- Chelsea Market is an all-in-one food hall, shopping mall, office building, and television production facility.
- The Highline is a park built on a part of the New York Central Railroad that is no longer in use. It's elevated, so students will be able to take in the greenery while seeing fantastic views of New York City.
- Hudson Yards is one of the newest neighborhoods in New York City. It is home to a one-million-square-foot retail center with shops, amazing restaurants, cultural performances, and the famous Vessel sculpture, which has forever changed New York City's skyline. Some even call the Vessel New York's version of the Eiffel Tower!

Midtown Highlights

On this full-day excursion, students will visit some of the places that make New York City the most famous city in the world: Lincoln Center, Columbus Circle, Central Park, Fifth Ave., Rockefeller Center, and last but certainly not least... Times Square!

- Lincoln Center hosts many world-renowned performing arts organizations, such as the New York City Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera, and the New York Philharmonic.
- Columbus Circle is a traffic circle named after Christopher Columbus. The Time Warner Center, the world headquarters of the Time Warner Corporation, is next to Columbus

Circle. The Time Warner Center also is home to the Shops at Columbus Circle, if students want to get some shopping in before Fifth Ave.

- Central Park, the most-visited urban park in the entire United States, is the next stop on the tour. Students visit the most southern portion of the park, walking West to East, and exit the park onto Fifth Ave.
- Fifth Avenue is considered one of the most expensive streets in the world, and it is home to many popular shops. On Fifth Ave., students will find Rockefeller Center, home to NBCUniversal, where famous shows such as Saturday Night Live film at studios. In December, this is where the famous Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is located and lit.
- Times Square is where students will end this tour and have free time to explore. Times Square used to be the home of *The New York Times* newspaper, and today, it is one of the most visited tourist attractions in the world.

Iconic NYC

On this full-day excursion, students will continue to explore some of the places that make New York City so famous: the Museum of Modern Art, Herald Square, and Bryant Park:

- The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) (**entry ticket included**) is one of the largest museums of modern art in the world, and it is often identified as the most influential museum of modern art as well.
- Herald Square is a shopping area that is home to the largest Macy's department store. While at Herald Square, students will be able to see Penn Station, the main intercity railroad station in New York City, and Madison Square Garden, an arena where concerts as well as sporting events are held. It is the fourth busiest musical arena in the world because of its high number of ticket sales.
- Bryant Park is where students will end this tour. Bryant Park is a famous public park next to the main branch of the New York Public Library and a stone's throw from Times Square.

A City of History

On this full-day excursion, students will see New York City's history up close. Students will visit famous historic locations such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Wall Street, Federal Hall, the World Trade Center Oculus, and the 9/11 Memorial:

- The Statue of Liberty (**ferry ticket included**), which is a symbol of freedom and the United States, is accessible by ferry. The statue was a gift from France to the United States to commemorate the United States' one hundred years of independence.
- Ellis Island (**ferry ticket included**), which students will also ferry to, is where the Ellis Island Immigration Museum (**entry ticket included**) is located. Over 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island, which was the United States' busiest immigration inspection checkpoint, from 1892 to 1954. Students will visit the museum and will have the option of using the museum's audio tour during the visit. After visiting both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, students will ferry back to New York City, where they will see some of the most famous places in downtown New York City:
- Wall Street is where two of the world's biggest stock exchanges are located. Wall Street essentially represents the American financial sector.
- Federal Hall is located on the site of New York's first City Hall and later served as the first U.S. Capitol Building.

- The World Trade Center Oculus was completed in 2016, and is home to many shops and restaurants. It serves as the centerpiece of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub.
- The 9/11 Memorial commemorates the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Experience Package Only: Overnight Trip to Washington, D.C

On this two-day, one-night trip, students will see some of the most famous places in the United States: Washington, D.C, with stops in Princeton and Philadelphia as well:

Day 1:

- Princeton, the quaint town where Princeton University is located, is the first stop on the overnight trip. Students can also visit Princeton University, the 4th oldest college in the United States and considered by many to be the top university in the country. Students can grab lunch before continuing on to Washington, D.C.
- Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States. It has been the governmental center of the U.S. since 1790. Students will have photo opportunities of the outside of the following buildings on their first day in D.C.:
 - The White House, which has been home to every U.S. President since 1800. Students will see the outside of the building.
 - The U.S. Capitol, where the legislative branch of the U.S. government is located. Students will see the outside of the building.
 - The U.S. Supreme Court, where the judicial branch of the U.S. government is located. Students will see the outside of the building.
 - The Library of Congress, which is the national library of the United States. It is the research library that serves the U.S. Congress and it is the oldest federal cultural institution in the U.S. Students will see the outside of the building. Students will then travel to Maryland, to see the National Harbor.
- The National Harbor is a waterfront area along the Potomac River with a large outlet mall (The Tanger Outlets National Harbor), where students will have a chance to find a good deal on clothing and other items, and explore restaurants, a Ferris wheel, and other activities.

Day 2:

- A Smithsonian Museum (entry ticket included) on the National Mall will be students' first stop on the second day of this overnight trip. Students have the option of choosing between the American History Museum and the Natural History Museum. The American History Museum contains more than 3 million artifacts to preserve a record of the American people, its culture, and past. The Natural History Museum is the world's most popular natural history museum and is home to the largest natural history collection in the world. After visiting one of the Smithsonian museums, students will tour the National Mall, visiting the following memorials and monuments:
 - The Washington Monument is the tallest structure in Washington, D.C. Shaped like an Egyptian obelisk, it was built to honor the first president of the United States, George Washington.

- The World War II Memorial is dedicated to Americans who served in the armed forces and as civilians during World War II. The 56 pillars in the memorial represent the U.S. states and territories.
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is the most-visited memorial on the National Mall. The memorial is a huge wall that lists the names of nearly 60,000 American servicemen and women who died during the Vietnam War.
- The Korean War Memorial memorializes the nearly 6 million Americans who served in the Korean War.
- The Lincoln Memorial honors the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. It is one of the most iconic memorials in Washington, D.C. and has been the site of many famous speeches, including Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.
- Philadelphia is where students will stop briefly for dinner on the way back to campus. Philadelphia is known as the birthplace of the United States. It's where the U.S. declared independence from England and it was the first capital of our nation. Today, it's the 5th largest city in the United States.

Three-Week Excursion Options:

- Upper East Side & Guggenheim Museum: On this full-day excursion, students can go shopping in the famously wealthy Upper East Side neighborhood and visit the Guggenheim Museum (**entry ticket included**), which contains collections of impressionist, post-impressionist, early modern and contemporary art. This famous cylindrical building was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.
- Whitney Museum of American Art & Chelsea Shopping District: On this full-day excursion, students will visit the Whitney art museum (**entry ticket included**), which is dedicated to showcasing 20th-century and contemporary American art. Students can also go shopping in the nearby Chelsea District, where most of the shops are unique boutiques.
- Brooklyn: DUMBO & Williamsburg: Students can explore one of Brooklyn's most famous and hippest neighborhoods, DUMBO. Not only can they get spectacular photos of the Brooklyn Bridge, but they can also explore DUMBO's cobblestone streets and its trendy boutiques and cafes. In addition, Williamsburg is a popular neighborhood in Brooklyn known for its hipster culture, amazing food, and art community.